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Jennifer Kennedy Pages 46 to 49 Page 46 Page 48 THE REPORTER: We are back on the record at 1 informs individuals that to conduct a charitable food 2 10:29. 2 service activity they must go to 61 Riesner Street, 3 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) Now, Captain Kennedy, before we 3 Houston, Texas 77002? 4 broke, we were discussing the third full paragraph of --4 A. Yes. 5 on page 4 of Exhibit 17, August 2nd, 2023 citation. Q. And so now if we can turn back to Exhibit 17, Could you review the second paragraph, so 6 back in that same paragraph that we read from, the next just the next paragraph up. We're on page 4. 7 sentence says "Officers also advises the suspect that a 8 A. Yeah, I was just checking the date. new proposed location of 61 Riesner is the preferred 9 Q. Oh, sorry. location and offered to provide assistance with moving 10 A. Yes. 10 if she wanted." 11 Q. And -- so "Officers A. Chapa and F. Mata walked 11 Did I read that right? 12 to the corner of Smith and McKinney and observed 12 A. Yes, sir. 13 approximately eight people setting up to serve food to 13 Q. Did you instruct officers to help groups 14 the homeless." The report continues. "Officers 14 conducting charitable food service events at the Central 15 approached the listed suspect and advised the suspect" 15 Library to provide assistance if they wanted to move to 16 of the signs -- "that signs were posted prohibiting a 16 Riesner Street? 17 'food service event' and provided them with a copy of 17 A. Yes. 18 the written warnings." 18 Q. And in this report when it says 61 Riesner 19 Do you see that? 19 Street, that's referring to the same address that we 20 A. Yes. 20 just read on Exhibit 18, the notice? 21 Q. Mark this as Exhibit 18. 21 A. Yes. 22 (Exhibit No. 18 was marked.) 22 Q. So if you or I say "61 Riesner Street" 23 23 throughout this rest of this deposition, we understand Q. (BY MR. FIFE) So I'd like to turn to the 24 we're talking about 61 Riesner Street, Houston, Texas 24 second page. This is a photo. What is this a photo of? 25 A. This is a perimeter gate around the Julia 25 77002, correct? Page 47 Page 49 Ideson Building at the library, Central Library. 1 A. Correct. 2 Q. And do you see the notice on the left side of 2 Q. Which is a location near the old police station 3 the page? and the municipal courthouse? 3 4 4 A. Yes. A. Yes, sir. 5 Q. Is that a notice regarding the charitable food 5 Q. And so would -- so if -- in order to accept the service ordinance? officer's assistance with moving, would Food Not Bombs

had to have changed anything about their event? 7 8

MS. ANDERSON: Objection; form.

9 A. I don't believe so.

10 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) So what I mean by change the

11 event is serve different food, serve a different

12 constituency, take off their T-shirts?

A. No. 13

14 Q. Would the officers have provided assistance to

15 the people receiving food, for example, a shuttle to get

16 to 61 Riesner?

17 A. If any of them needed to, yes. If any of them

18 requested assistance in moving over there, we assist

19 them.

20 Q. They would have helped move 100 people?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. How would they have done that?

A. They would have taken several trips, but I

24 advise the officers out there, if anybody needed

25 assistance moving, we would provide it.

7 A. Yes.

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Q. And is this the sign that the officers would

9 have been referring to in that line of the report we

10 just read?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. So if you turn back to page 1 which is marked

13 COH 000001, this is the text of the sign. And about

14 halfway down there's a sentence that starts "If you want

15 to conduct charitable" -- do you see that sentence?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. If says "If you want to conduct charitable food

18 service on city property, you must do so at the nearby

19 downtown location of 61 Riesner Street, Houston, Texas

20 77002."

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A. Yes.

22 Q. And if we can turn back to the report -- or

23 actually one more question on Exhibit 18, the signs.

24 So this notice that is in front of -- is

25 along the gate in front of the Julia Ideson Building



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Page 50 Q. Okay. 1 61 Riesner Street, that the officers on-site would have 2 A. We also have access to the HOT team, as you 3 spoke about earlier, the homeless outreach team. They 3 the event? 4 have access to Sprinter vans, and those individuals 4 A. Yes. 5 5 could get loaded up in a Sprinter van and driven to

6 61 Riesner. 6 7 Q. And just to be clear, if they had moved to 8 61 Riesner Street, they could have served the same food 8 that they had prepared for that night? 9

10 A. Correct.

Q. Now, zooming out a little bit, had the -- so 11 12 this was a citation given to Food Not Bombs for

allegedly conducting a charitable food service event, 14 right?

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MS. ANDERSON: Objection; form.

16 A. It was a citation issued to James Foster, not 17 Food Not Bombs.

18 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) Good corrective. So this was a 19 citation issued to James Foster for his participation in 20 an alleged charitable food service event?

21 MS. ANDERSON: Objection; form.

22 A. It was a citation issued to James Foster for 23 violation of the ordinance.

24 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) Okay. Now, if the City had 25 given Mr. Foster permission to serve food at the

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2 provided assistance to individuals receiving food from

Q. Now, for groups at 61 Riesner, does the City currently provide transportation to help individuals seeking food get to 61 Riesner Street?

MS. ANDERSON: Objection; form?

MR. FIFE: You can answer.

A. I don't believe that there is like a organized 11 transportation to get to 61 Riesner. I know they have 12 access to zTrips, to METROLift, METRO shuttles. So those are city operated so I'm not...

14 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) And I guess my question is just 15 those are city services that you can use regardless of 16 your participation in a charitable food service event?

17 A. Right.

18 Q. Now, last thing on this police report, so on --19 you mentioned that the officers on the DRT team that 20 conducted enforcement actions at charitable food service 21 events near the library did so after their regular 22 shift?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And so you created a schedule of officers 25 assigned to conduct enforcement actions for alleged

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1 location of the citation, would this alleged conduct 2 violate the ordinance?

3 MS. ANDERSON: Objection; form.

4 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) I can rephrase.

5 A. Yes, please.

6 Q. So if James Foster or -- yeah, if Mr. Foster 7 had advanced written consent from the City of Houston to 8 serve -- to conduct a charitable food service event at

the location of the citation, would that have violated

10 the ordinance?

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A. Based on the wording of the ordinance, no.

12 Q. And so if we turn back to -- now, could a group 13 registered with the registered charitable food service 14 program conduct a charitable food service event at the 15 location of this citation -- scratch that. Let me 16 rephrase.

17 At the time of this citation at issue, 18 could a registered charitable food service group conduct 19 a food service event near the public library without 20 advanced written consent of the City of Houston? 21

A. No.

22 Q. Okay. Now I wanted to turn back just really 23 quickly to what we discussed earlier in terms of getting 24 to 61 Riesner Street. So you testified that, had Food 25 Not Bombs and Mr. Foster been willing to move to

1 violations of the charitable feeding ordinance?

2 A. My DRT sergeant created the schedule. I advised him to create it. 3

4 Q. Okay. And so were those officers paid overtime 5 for being paid at charitable food service events?

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A. They were paid overtime for working, correct.

Q. Okay. How much would you estimate the officers as part of the DRT -- scratch that.

9 How much would you estimate it cost the 10 City to have those officers conduct enforcement actions 11 for alleged violations of the charitable food service 12 ordinance?

MS. ANDERSON: Objection; form.

MR. FIFE: You can answer.

15 A. I would need paper, pen, and a calculator to 16 give you some sort of an accurate estimate. But during 17 those times when the different response teams were out

there, they were not only enforcing the charitable 18

19 feeding ordinance. So they were also addressing other

20 civility issues such as issues outside The Beacon,

21 issues along Main Street, issues behind some of the

22 METRO stops along Capital. So it wasn't solely

23 dedicated to charitable feeding. They addressed other

24 issues as well during that overtime slot.

25 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) Well, let me put it this way.



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Pages 78 to 81 Page 78 Page 80 1 are listed. But outside of that, I don't know. 1 listed as approved from 2016 to '19; is that right? 2 Q. So were you aware of any criteria that the City A. Yes. 3 applied to all of these locations from 2012 to 2016? 3 Q. Okay. I'm going to mark this next document as 4 A. No. 4 Exhibit 22. 5 Q. Are you aware of any written guidance from 2012 5 (Exhibit No. 22 was marked.) 6 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) It is a short e-mail thread 6 to 2016 identifying what criteria the City would use to approve or disapprove public property for charitable 7 between Ms. Rubi Longoria and Mr. Joe Turner. And, 8 food service events? Captain Kennedy, do you see that there are two e-mails 9 A. No. 9 in the middle of the document in the original message? 10 Q. Now, we were -- so the category we were just 10 There's that line that says original message is an 11 discussing was City-owned property locations approved e-mail from Ms. Rubi Longoria to Joe Turner on July 8th, 12 from 2012 to 2016, right? 12 2016. 13 A. Yes. 13 Do you see that, that first e-mail? 14 Q. Now, the next list or -- sorry. The next 14 A. Yes. 15 category in these responses was food and housing Q. Do you know who Rubi Longoria is? 15 16 programs from 2019 to 2022, right? 16 A. I do not. 17 17 Q. And so you don't know what role she is or what A. Yes. 18 Q. So what were -- were any public property 18 role she had in 2016 with the City? 19 locations approved for charitable food service events 19 A. Based on her e-mail address, she worked for 20 from 2016 to 2019? 20 parks and rec department. But as far as her exact role, 21 A. I don't know. 21 I don't know. 22 Q. Do you see any listed in the City's 22 Q. And you're saying the PRD stands for parks and 23 interrogatory responses? 23 rec department? 24 A. Yes. A. No. 24 25 25 Q. Could you name a location that was approved Q. Okay. Same question for Joe Turner -- do you Page 81 1 for charitable food service events -- a public property 1 know what his role was at the time of this e-mail? 2 location that was approved for charitable food service 2 3 events from 2016 to '19? 3 Q. But safe to say he was an employee of the parks 4 4 and rec department? A. No. 5 Q. And I just want to confirm you also said you 5 A. Yes. 6 Q. Based on the PRD next to his e-mail? were unaware of -- let me put the question this way. 7 Were any locations approved from 2016 to A. Correct. 7 Q. Okay. Now, looking at the message, 8 '19 for charitable food service events? 8 Ms. Longoria writes "I understand that all charitable 9 A. Not that I know of. 10 Q. Do you know if the City made a decision to not 10 feedings have been canceled until further notice." Do you see that? 11 approve any locations from 2016 to '19? 11 12 A. No, I don't know that. I don't believe there 12 A. I do. 13 was any enforcement between 2016 to 2019 of the Q. Okay. Do you know or does the City know 13 14 ordinance. 14 whether Ms. Longoria was correct that as of July 8th, 15 MR. FIFE: Could we take a five-minute 15 2016, all charitable feedings had been canceled until 16 break? 16 further notice? 17 THE REPORTER: Off the record at 11:28. 17 A. I do know that the feedings that were taking 18 (Recess from 11:28 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) 18 place at the parks in 2016 -- I don't know the exact 19 THE REPORTER: Back on the record at 12:30. 19 date. I do know those feedings at the park were 20 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) So, Captain Kennedy, before we 20 canceled. There was serious safety concerns. There was



21 a huge increase in the kush among the homeless

22 population that was creating a lot of issues for the

25 be hosted on the park property. And so they were

24 longer safe to host these -- or to allow these events to

23 parks. And I believe the City felt like it was no

21 left for lunch, we were discussing what locations, if

23 events from 2015 to '19. And that's page 4 of this

24 City's answers and objections to our interrogatories.

25 We agreed before the break that there were no locations

22 any, the City had approved for charitable food service

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1 canceled.

2 Q. So -- so in 2016, the parks and recreation

3 department decided to suspend all charitable feeding

4 activities on parks' property due to the kush and issues

5 that kush was causing in the parks?

A. I don't know if it was parks and recs

7 department that decided that, but the City decided that.

Q. Okay.

9 A. Yes.

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10 Q. And so -- and you can just see here for

11 completeness, Mr. Joe Turner echoes what you had said

12 that -- and he writes "They have all been temporary

13 suspended while the mayor works through the kush issue

14 first in our parks and public areas. And then second,

15 we be working to set up discussions with the faith-based

16 organizations on how to best provide services to those

17 in need, not just feedings."

Do you see that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So you discussed the first part in your answer

21 which was issues related to kush. But at the time, was

22 the City also trying to work with faith-based

23 organizations on how to best provide services to those

24 in need?

A. I believe so. And right around this time also

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1 Q. So at the time of this e-mail, the -- the City

2 had suspended charitable food activities on public

3 parks, but at the time there was not a plan to

4 reauthorize those charitable food service activities?

A. I believe so.

Q. Now, what is kush?

7 A. It's synthetic marijuana.

Q. At the time, was it illegal?

9 A. Yes. So there was -- I don't know -- have the

10 exact dates as far as legislation. The issue with kush

11 and synthetic marijuana is there are several different

12 chemical formulations, right? And so their court system

13 was having a difficult time keeping up with the

4 different chemical formulations and having legislation

15 to list all chemical formulations as controlled

16 substances that is illegal.

17 Q. And was legislation prohibiting these various

18 chemical iterations eventually passed?

19 A. Yes. Now, there are -- this is somewhat out of

20 my scope as I'm not a narcotics officer or, you know, a

21 scientist. However, synthetic marijuana -- I mean, it

22 is illegal, but there are different -- I mean you can

23 come up with different formulations that would then need

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24 to be introduced into legislation.

25 Q. So is kush just -- and again, I appreciate that

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1 in 2016 is when Rapid Rehousing Program began. And so

2 it was likely an effort to collaborate with the

3 organizations that were conducting the feedings to offer

4 those, like, housing services along with the feedings.

Q. Uh-huh. And was that desire to work with

6 faith-based organizations on how to collaboratively

implement the Rapid Rehousing Program, was that also a

basis for suspending charitable food activities in the

9 parks?

10 A. No. I believe that the primary basis was just

11 safety concerns.

12 Q. Safety concerns related to kush?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. Okay. So at the time of this e-mail, all

15 charitable food service activities in public parks had

16 been suspended, right?

17 A. I believe so, yes.

18 Q. Was there a plan or criteria in place at which

19 point the city parks could be reauthorized as locations

20 for charitable food service activities?

21 A. Not when it was canceled. I don't think they

22 had a plan in place to reopen. When it was canceled, it

23 was canceled for safety issues. Then I'm assuming as it

24 says here the mayor was going to work with the

25 organizations to kind of move forward.

1 you're not a narcotics officer, but just is kush one

2 type of synthetic marijuana among other types of

3 marijuana or is kush an umbrella term for all synthetic

4 marijuana?

5 A. It's an umbrella term.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. So kush is an umbrella term. So there's

8 marijuana, right, just your standard marijuana with THC.

9 And then there is synthetic marijuana that has all of

10 these other different substances in it that are supposed

11 to emulate the effects of actual marijuana. But in

12 reality, they had significantly different effects on a

13 lot of people. I personally have had probably well over

14 100 interactions with individuals that are high on kush.

15 And it is -- it is a scary situation.

16 Q. So in 2016, in -- as of July 8th, 2016, the

17 time of this e-mail, were other drugs besides kush a

8 problem in the City of Houston?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So the reason I ask that is just to set up the

21 next question which is what made kush unique?

22 A. So kush was almost like when PCP became popular

23 in that a lot of people began using it without

24 understanding the effects. And it caused major behavior

25 changes in individuals, a lot of violent outbursts.



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- Central Houston Public Library Plaza, 500 McKinney,
- 2 Houston, 77002, as an approved charitable food service
- 3 location for Food Not Bombs."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. So as of September 5th, 2012, was the Central
- 7 Houston Public Library an approved charitable food
- 8 service event location for Food Not Bombs?
- 9 A. According to this newsletter.
- 10 Q. Well, I guess just as a first question, did
- 11 Mayor Parker have authority to give Food Not Bombs
- 12 permission to serve food at the Central Library?
- 13 A. That would be as a mayor within her scope of14 authority.
- 15 Q. Okay. But we discussed last time that the
- 16 ordinance says the parks and health department directors
- 17 can also approve locations, rules, criteria to
- 18 administer charitable food service events, right?
- 19 MR. SOH: Objection; form.
- 20 Go ahead and answer if you can.
- 21 A. Yes. In the ordinance?
- 22 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) Yes.
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. So in addition to those departments, the mayor
- 25 can also give permission? As Mayor Parker did in 2012?

- 1 A. No, not specifically. I know -- it's not that
- 2 their permission was revoked. It's the only approved
- 3 location was going to be 61 Riesner. So there was never
- 4 a -- here your permission is hereby revoked. It's as of
- 5 this date, this is going to be the only approved
- 6 location.
- 7 Q. And the only approved location was 61 Riesner
- 8 Street, right?
- 9 A. Correct.
- Q. So was there a reason why the Central Librarywas no longer going to be allowed -- let me put that
- 12 differently.
- Why was the Central Library no longer going
- 14 to be authorized as a charitable food service event
- 15 location?
- A. There were significant issues and safetyconcerns coming from the Central Library. And the City
- 18 also found that a coordination of efforts among those
- 19 that participate in the food service events would be
- 19 that participate in the 1000 service events would be
- 20 mutually beneficial to not only those who provide the
- 21 food but those who receive the food as well as the
- 22 property where the feeding occurs.
- 23 Q. So if Food Not Bombs at the time wanted to use
- 24 another location for its charitable food service events,
- 25 were there any criteria by which they could select a

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- A. I'm assuming that was in coordination with the
- 2 health department.
- Q. And have you ever seen this response -- or had
- 4 you ever seen this statement that Mayor Parker gave Food
- 5 Not Bombs Houston permission to use the Central Library?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. And you said earlier that currently Food Not
- 8 Bombs does not have authorization from the city to
- 9 conduct charitable food service events at the Central
- 10 Library?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. So when was the permission revoked?
- 13 A. Well, I would say that it was in February of
- 14 2023 when they received warning that they were no longer
- 15 going to be able to feed there and that they have to
- 16 feed at 61 Riesner, so before any sort of enforcement
- 17 action took place.
- 18 Q. Okay. Do you know -- based on what you said, I
- 19 think I know this answer. But are you aware when this
- 20 newsletter was taken down off of the City of Houston web
- 21 page?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. And then in February of 2023 when Food Not
- 24 Bombs permission was revoked, do you know who made that
- 25 decision?

- 1 different public property location?
- 2 A. No.

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- Q. It was just 61 Riesner Street, right?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. And before you mentioned that, in February of
- 6 2023, the health department issued guidelines outlining
- 7 sufficient trash reciprocals, handwashing stations, and
- 8 24/7 porta potty access as requirements for any public
- 9 property where charitable feeding would occur?
- 10 A. Well, it's -- yes. So it's access during a
- 11 food service event and available 24/7. That does not
- 12 mean that bathrooms have to be unlocked 24/7. It means
- 13 that they have to be available for use 24/7. And then,
- 14 basically open during a food service event. If you read
- 15 the ordinance, it's clear in there. But yes. So right.
- 16 Q. Okay. So to -- so it's handwashing stations,
- 17 sufficient trash reciprocals, and porta potties for use
- 18 during food service?
- A. And parking.
- 20 Q. And parking?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, if Food Not Bombs had identified another
- 23 location, another publicly owned location that met those
- 24 four criteria, could they have used it for a charitable
- 25 food service event?



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A. If they received permission from the public or

2 private owner. But if it was a public property, then

3 that would be something that had to be approved, you

4 know, by the City. So if it was a private place then,

5 yes, absolutely.

6 Q. But in terms public property, a location with

those four criteria we discussed would not necessarily

8 be approved for the charitable food service event. They

9 would still need to ask the City for permission?

10 A. Correct.

Q. If a location had those four elements that we

12 discussed -- the porta potty, handwashing, parking, and

13 trash reciprocals -- would the City approve that

14 location, or would they still just say 61 Riesner

15 Street?

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16 MR. SOH: Objection; form.

17 MR. FIFE: You can answer.

18 A. I think that could be a possibility. But it

19 would also have to be, you know, something where the

20 City looks at the safety in providing, having, you know,

21 resources as for as being able to provide efficers for

21 resources as far as being able to provide officers for

22 security so.

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Q. (BY MR. FIFE) Now, so previously we discussed

24 61 Riesner Street as an approved -- or actually we were

25 just discussing 61 Riesner Street as an approved public

A. There were several reasons -- its close

2 proximity to the library where people were already being

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3 fed. It's a half a mile walk. It's well lit. The

4 sidewalks are actually brand new from McKinney and all

5 along Bagby until you get to Capital. There's no

6 mobility issues with any of the sidewalks, no safety

7 concerns.

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There's one intersection that would have to

9 be crossed as a protected intersection that's frequented

10 all the time especially by individuals going to the

11 Hobby Center. It's in very close proximity to the Bayou

40 Planting to the Bayou

12 Place which is a location where we know that many of the

13 individuals that are participating in the feeding.

4 That's where they sleep at night as well, close to the

15 Beacon which is another major homeless provider

16 downtown.

17 We also had the ability there to provide18 not only the minimum of ten parking spots, trash can

19 receptacles, porta potties, and handwashing stations,

20 but we have electrical outlets available for people. We

21 have portable lighting that was available. And we have

22 notice persuade lightning that trace at an action that would be

22 police nearby. And then also police that would be

23 on-site. So it's a safe location.

Q. Who was involved in that decision?

A. I remember having a conversation with Chief

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1 property for charitable feeding events. That was

2 approved in 2022?

3 A. 2023, I believe.

4 Q. Okay. So February of 2023 is when the City

5 started issuing notices that --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Sorry. They started issuing notices in 2023,

8 right?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And the notices said that all charitable food

11 service events had to take place at 61 Riesner Street?

12 A. Yes. Excuse me. If it was on public property.

13 Q. Yes, yes. So in February of 2023, the only

14 approved property for charitable food service events was

15 61 Riesner Street, right?

A. Yes.

17 Q. And that means there were no parks approved,

18 right?

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19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And no other public sidewalks or public streets

21 were available as charitable food service locations?

22 MR. SOH: Objection; form.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) Why did the City choose

25 61 Riesner Street?

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1 Satterwhite about considering 61 Riesner as a location.

2 I believe he was involved, heavily involved, in that

3 decision. He asked my opinion at one point. That's why

4 we spoke about it. I thought that was a great location.

5 I'm not sure who made the final decision as for it being

6 61 Riesner.

7 Q. Did Chief Satterwhite speak with the mayor

8 about 61 Riesner Street?

9 A. I believe so.

10 Q. Okay. And you mentioned the quality of the

11 sidewalks, how close it is to the Central Library,

12 lighting, proximity to locations where homeless

13 individuals spend a lot of time, and safety of

14 61 Riesner Street. Were those -- who came up with those

15 criteria or factors?

16 A. Those weren't criteria or factors. They were

17 just benefits of that location.

18 Q. So were there any written criteria or factors

19 that the City had to consider?

20 A. No. Nothing outside of what the health

21 department had already created -- basically the parking

22 restrictions, you know, minimum of ten parking spaces,

23 sufficient trash reciprocals, portable restrooms, and

24 handwashing stations available during a food service

25 event and available 24/7.



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Pages 134 to 137 Page 134 Page 136 Q. And so I understand the benefits of -- the 1 A. I'm not sure. 2 benefits of -- that you've described for 61 Riesner 2 Q. Yeah. So can you turn to the back page which 3 Street, but I want to know why the City decided to have 3 is COH-084927. In the middle of the page, there's an 4 only one approved location as opposed to having multiple 4 e-mail that's from Andy Icken to Mayor Turner, 5 properties, public properties that could be used for 5 Marvalette Hunter, Marc Eichenbaum, and James Koski. 6 charitable food service events. 6 Do you see that? A. Well, as of now, there was a huge group of 7 A. I do. 8 Q. And this e-mail was sent on August 11th, 2021. 8 individuals that were receiving food downtown. So we 9 It says "Mayor, after our call this afternoon, James" 9 knew that it needed to be local to downtown for the 10 groups that were receiving food could easily get to, 10 and I -- "James, Marc, and I got together to be sure we 11 right? focus on possible feeding sites that met the criteria we 12 12 discussed." And as far as ensuring officers for safety 13 and allocating resources, I think it was the initial 13 Do you know what criteria they discussed? 14 ideas. Let's start with this one location because we 14 15 already know it's going to be successful in feeding the 15 Q. Is the criteria they discussed written 16 same amount of people that were already being fed at the 16 anywhere? 17 library. 17 A. I do not know. 18 Q. Has this, since 61 Riesner became the sole 18 Q. But sitting here today, you don't know what 19 location in 2023, has the City created or authorized criteria Mr. Icken was referring to? 19 20 charitable food service events at more public 20 21 properties? 21 Q. And then he continues "We plan on focusing on 22 A. No. 22 three different sites that potentially meet the needs: 23 Q. And so I'm not sure what you just said answered 23 1. St. John's/ Pastor Rudy." 24 24 my original question which is why did the City decide to Who is Pastor Rudy? 25 25 create one location as the exclusive place for A. I do not know him. Page 137 Page 135 1 charitable food service events instead of how it had in Q. Does he run or direct the Bread of Life 1 2 2012 through 2016 approved multiple locations throughout 2 organization? 3 Houston? A. That sounds familiar. Quite possibly, but I do 3 A. Well, the City does not have the resources to 4 not know for sure. 5 staff every single park to conduct charitable food 5 Q. Where is St. John/Pastor Rudy's facilities? A. Based on this e-mail, I would say the southeast 6

7 quadrant of central business district just south of the

8 Pierce Elevated.

9 Q. So the next is municipal courthouse area. And

10 then there is a -- and then -- so the municipal

11 courthouse area is -- would include 61 Riesner Street?

12 A. Yes -- sorry.

13 Q. 61 Riesner Street is in the municipal

14 courthouse area?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And if you can look at the last sentence, it

17 says "The challenge will be the perception it is 'out of

18 sight.'"

19 Did I read that correctly?

20 A. Yes.

Q. So can you turn back to the first page? This

22 is -- and then at the bottom of the first page, there is

23 an e-mail from Marvalette Hunter.

24 Do you see that, that she sent on

25 October 12, 2021?

events in a safe manner. 7 Q. What other locations did the City consider --8 or let me put that differently. 9 So in authorizing and creating an exclusive 10 location for charitable food service events on city 11 property, were there other locations that the city 12 considered besides 61 Riesner Street? 13 A. I'm not sure. 14 Q. I will mark this as Exhibit 27. 15 (Exhibit No. 27 was marked.) 16 MR. SOH: So I assume we're done with 26. 17 MR. FIFE: Yes. 18 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) This is an e-mail thread 19 between -- well, several members of the mayor's staff. 20 And do you know what HCD means? 21 A. Where is that at? 22 Q. It's next to Mr. Marc Eichenbaum's e-mail. 23 A. I know he was assigned to the homeless

24 initiatives, so maybe.

Q. It's okay.

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Page 138 A. I do. Q. Yeah, whether a lot of people will see it or 2 2 not --Q. Ms. Hunter writes "My recommendation is the 3 Municipal Courthouse Area No. 2. It has already been 3 A. Correct. 4 assessed and is functionally appropriate. Being out of 4 Q. -- does not matter to whether the City will 5 approve the location? sight should not be a determinate of an appropriate location." 6 A. Right. Because I don't think that affects the 6 7 Do you see that? 7 ability of an organization to provide food if other people can see it or not or the number of people who can 8 A. I do. 8 9 see it. 9 Q. Does the City agree that in approving 10 charitable food service events it does not take into 10 Q. So we've discussed previously that the City account whether a location is "out of sight"? 11 began posting notices about 61 Riesner in February 12 12 of 2023? MR. SOH: Objection; form. 13 Go ahead and answer if you can. 13 A. Yes. 14 MR. FIFE: Yeah, let me restart that 14 Q. How -- and you said earlier that you talked 15 Sergeant Simon about the posting of the signs? 15 actually. 16 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) Here, Ms. Marvalette says that a 16 A. Yes. 17 location "being out of sight should not be a determinate 17 Q. What did you ask him? of an appropriate location" in reference to charitable 18 A. I asked him if he knew who posted them. He 19 food service events, right? 19 didn't know. I have an e-mail -- I saw an e-mail at one 20 Right? 20 point from Andy Icken saying that the signs would be 21 A. Yes. 21 posted February 20th. I'm assuming it's just the City's 22 Q. And here, being out of sight, would mean away 22 general service department that posted them because they 23 from public view? are the ones that are responsible for that type of 23 24 24 MR. SOH: Objection; form. activity. I was just curious if he knew, you know, who 25 25 posted them. Q. (BY MR. FIFE) What does being out of sight

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Q. And so you still don't know because 1

Sergeant Simon didn't know either? 3

A. Right.

4 Q. But whoever did post the signs, they were doing

so at the direction of city officials who decided that

61 Riesner Street would be the new location for

charitable feeding and we need to warn the folks serving 7

8 food at the library?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So in -- from -- so the e-mail that we just

11 reviewed from Mr. -- how did you say his name?

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13 Q. Icken -- was in August of 2021. And then the

14 signs were posted in February of 2023?

A. Uh-huh.

Q. Were individuals conducting charitable food 16

17 service events at 61 Riesner between August 2021 to

18 February of '23?

19 A. Yes.

Q. Do you know what groups were doing so?

21 A. There were several different groups. Some of

22 them were just individuals. Some were churches,

23 religious organization. I believe Faizi's and Hussain's

24 Table were out there. But there's several different

25 organizations.

1 mean to you?

2 A. Well. I'm not sure because I work in this

complex and it's not out of sight. So I'm not exactly

4 sure what they're referring to. I mean, you've got the

courthouse next door that's open until 10:00 p.m.

6 You've got I-45 that runs right next to it. And if

7 you're on it anytime between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., you're

8 going 20 miles an hour and you can look over into the

parking lot and see the feeding occurring.

10 MR. SOH: I would object that 20 miles an

11 hour is a gross exaggeration of the speed limit of the

12 Pierce Elevated at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

13 A. I'm just not sure what they're getting at as

14 far as it being out of sight.

15 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) Okay. Yeah, so I think the core

16 of what I'm trying to get at is just in deciding whether

17 to approve a location for charitable food service

18 activities. Does the City consider whether it is -- it

19 will be viewed by the public?

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A. Apparently not. I don't think it's something

21 where it's -- either way where location is determined

22 because it is -- you know, there is people that are

23 going to see it versus a location where a lot of people

24 will see it. So I think either way that is not used as

25 a determinate to identify a location.



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Page 142 Page 144 Q. But then February of 2023 is when the City made 1 anymore. It is -- it used to be the Central Patrol 2 Division building. I believe after it got flooded from 2 a concerted effort to move all Central Library feedings 3 to 61 Riesner? 3 Harvey, we -- is when we discontinued using it. There 4 A. Yes. 4 is a general services department group that uses part of 5 that building. But I think it's more on the north end Q. Okay. 6 A. Well, March 1st. 6 that is utilized. 7 Q. March 1st was when the citations began? 7 Q. Outside -- and general services, is that 8 A. March 1st is when the enforcement began. general services for HPD or --9 Q. Yeah. That was when the first citation was A. City of Houston. 10 issued? 10 Q. City of Houston? Okay. 11 A. Yes. 11 12 Q. Okay. Q. Are there any other city functions or 12 13 MR. FIFE: Should we break for ten minutes? 13 departments that operate out of 61 Riesner Street? 14 MR. SOH: Sure. 14 A. I don't believe so. 15 (Recess from 2:22 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.) 15 Q. It was the old Central Patrol Division 16 THE REPORTER: Back on the record at 2:35. 16 building? 17 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) So we were just discussing 17 A. Yes. 18 61 Riesner Street, and I'm going to mark this as 18 Q. And then to the left of that building, there's 19 Exhibit 28. 19 a municipal courthouse? 20 (Exhibit No. 28 was marked.) 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. (BY MR. FIFE) This is a -- appears to be a 21 Q. And that is the municipal courthouse where Food 22 Google Maps image produced to us during discovery and 22 Not Bombs volunteers would go to take care of their 23 is -- has Bates stamp COH_067224. Now, would you say 23 tickets or contest there citations for violating the 24 that this is a fair and accurate depiction of the 24 charitable food service ordinance? 25 municipal court area? 25 A. If that's where their court was. There's Page 143 Page 145 A. Minus several trees that have since died. 1 several different municipal courts across the city. 1 2

Q. Okay. So currently there are fewer trees?

3 A. Currently there are fewer trees, but everything 4 else looks accurate.

Q. Okay. And it's a little hard to read. But do you see in red on the lower right-hand -- or lower right 7 side of the page it says "Homeless feeding area" in red 8 font?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And it appears to -- the homeless feeding area 11 prepares -- appears to begin at the intersection of

12 Lubbock Street and Artesian Place?

13 A. So the feeding actually takes place in this 14 small parking lot that is really sandwiched between 15 Lubbock, Riesner, and Artesian.

16 Q. Could you mark that on your map with a star? 17 So that's slightly to the left of the red font, homeless

18 feeding area?

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20 Q. What is that building adjacent to Lubbock

21 Street directly in front of the homeless feeding area?

22 A. 61 Riesner.

A. Correct.

23 Q. And that building is a Houston Police

24 Department building, right?

A. It is not occupied by the police department

2 This is the central courthouse: so I'm not sure where

their docket was. 3

4 Q. Yeah. And on Exhibit 28 itself at the top, it

says 60- -- the 61 Riesner Street in (HPD headquarters).

It sounds like you would disagree with that

characterization? 7

8 A. Yes. HPD headquarters is 1200 Travis.

9 Q. Okay. And was it ever HPD headquarters?

10 A. Not since I've been on the department for the

11 past 17 years. Now, before that, I'm not sure.

12 Q. Okay. Prior to the City designating 61 Riesner

13 Street as an authorized location for charitable food

14 service events, so before it was approved for charitable

15 feedings, did 61 Riesner Street have porta potties?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did it have free parking?

A. No.

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19 Q. Did it have a shipping container for storage?

20 A. Not for this use but --

Q. Not for charitable food service events? 21

22 A. It did not.

Q. Did it have tables designed for individuals to 23

24 eat food off of?

25 A. No.



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Page 174 Page 176 A. I'm unsure if there is proof or not so. 1 A. No. 2 2 Q. Now, isn't it true that, if a person was not at Q. Okay. And if he didn't get into an argument 3 a Food Not Bombs feeding event such as the people who 3 with Sheri Dore, isn't it possible that, whatever mood 4 were there, isn't it true they could be elsewhere in the 4 he was in, he could have just gotten into an argument in 5 another part of the city? 5 city and possibly litter? 6 MR. SOH: Objection; form. 6 A. Sure. 7 A. That was very confusing. Do you mind 7 Q. So in other words, there wasn't necessarily any 8 more officer time used because of the Food Not Bombs rephrasing that question? 8 9 event because, whatever those people were doing at Food MR. KALLINEN: It's so obvious. That's why 10 it's confusing. 10 Not Bombs which caused the police to be there, they Q. (BY MR. KALLINEN) If a person is not at Food 11 could have just been elsewhere causing the same problem, 11 and the police would have been going to wherever they 12 Not Bombs getting fed by the Food Not Bombs people, 12 were causing those problems, correct? 13 isn't it true they could be on another part of the city 13 14 14 and then commit litter? MR. SOH: Objection; form. 15 15 A. That is --A. So, yes, crime could be committed anywhere in MR. SOH: Objection; form. 16 16 the city. But if we know that there are certain 17 A. I don't... locations where we're having consistent complaints and 17 18 Q. (BY MR. KALLINEN) You don't know if a person 18 consistent issues, then that's generally part of our 19 can litter in another part of the city? That's how policy. That's where we're going to allocate resources 19 20 obvious this question is. It seems so obvious that 20 and try to address those quality of life issues, not where they could other possibly be committing those 21 maybe you don't feel like you want to answer it. 21 22 Can somebody else litter in another part of 22 issues but where those crimes are actually being 23 the city other than by the library? 23 24 24 MR. SOH: Objection to the predicate. Q. (BY MR. KALLINEN) But isn't it true, when 25 25 people gather, you know, anywhere, there could be Go ahead and answer, Captain. Page 177

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2 Q. (BY MR. KALLINEN) So if these people did not

3 litter at Food Not Bombs on occasion, they could be

4 littering in other parts of the city at the same time as

they were not at Food Not Bombs, correct?

6 A. They could. Sure.

A. Sure.

7 Q. So Food Not Bombs is not -- is not causing

anybody to litter more than they would normally litter,

9 correct?

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10 A. I wouldn't agree with that statement. I don't

11 really...

12 Q. Well, if they didn't get food at Food Not

13 Bombs, isn't it true they could get food at a convenient

14 store or somebody could hand them some food at another

15 place and they could litter there too?

16 A. If you're asking if a person can litter

17 anywhere, then, yes, a person can litter anywhere.

Q. Okay. It's all about getting into arguments.

19 If a person was not at a Food Not Bombs event, isn't it

20 possible they could just be at another part of the city

21 and get into an argument?

22 A. Yes.

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23 Q. Now, was the person who you mentioned had

24 gotten in some argument with Sheri Dore, was he high or

25 something? Did you suspect that?

1 issues?

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2 A. Yes, sir.

Q. So what is special, though, about Food Not

4 Bombs where that causes -- that you believe causes some

more -- more police work than if these people were just

spread out elsewhere in the city?

7 A. I wouldn't say that there's anything about Food

Not Bombs that creates that. Our issue is that, 8

9 whenever there are large concentrations of individuals

10 who in the past and we've had frequent complaints from,

11 you know, then we're going to allocate our resources to

12 that area.

13 Q. Now, wouldn't that be true like at a Texans

14 game, for example, there's a lot of people; so you

15 should go out there because there's a lot of people

16 there and there could be more problems because there's a

17 lot of people?

A. We have plenty of police officers that work

19 Texans games, sir.

20 Q. Yes, exactly. If a child is at a birthday

21 party outside the City of Houston and they're hungry,

22 are they in need?

MR. SOH: Objection; form.

24 Go ahead and answer, Captain.

A. In need of what?



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